

Summary of the Statewide Vision and Strategy for the Healthcare System in North Dakota

INTRODUCTION

In the summer of 2006, a group of leaders from both the private and public sectors initiated a voluntary, self-funded collaborative effort to explore innovative, statewide approaches to improving the health status of North Dakotans. This initiative, convened by Healthy North Dakota and facilitated by TSI Consulting, Inc., focused on the development of a Vision and Strategy for the Healthcare System in North Dakota.

The following people served as the Planning Committee for the initiative:

- Robert Beattie, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- Sparb Collins, North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System
- James Cooper, Medcenter One Health System
- Terry Dwelle, North Dakota Department of Health
- Steve Hamar, Mid Dakota Clinic
- Dick Hedahl, North Dakota Chamber
- Cheryl Hefta, Native American MCH Program and Spirit Lake Health Tracks
- Duane Houdek, Office of the Governor
- Rhonda Ketterling, Meritcare Health System
- Karen Larson, Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas
- Bruce Levi, North Dakota Medical Association
- Jim Long, West River Regional Medical Center
- Dave MacIver, North Dakota Chamber
- Mike Melius, Upper Missouri District Health Unit
- Tim Mihalick, Investors Real Estate Trust
- Shelly Peterson, North Dakota Long Term Care Association
- Kurt Stoner, Bethel Lutheran Home
- David Straley, North Dakota Chamber
- Chip Thomas, North Dakota Healthcare Association
- Robert Thompson, Altru Health System
- Mike Unhjem, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Dakota
- Mark Weber, Golden Heart EMS
- Melissa Olson, Healthy North Dakota (convener)
- Tim Fallon, TSI Consulting, Inc (facilitator)

The Planning Committee's efforts, completed in early 2007, are summarized in this document and include the following:

- A vision for the healthcare system in North Dakota: 2020
- A strategic map which outlines key initiatives to be undertaken between 2007 and 2011
- Other priorities that need to be addressed as part of the vision and strategy

By providing a concise summary of the Planning Committee's work, this document sets the stage for engaging other stakeholders throughout North Dakota in efforts to help North Dakotans become the healthiest Americans.

VISION FOR THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN NORTH DAKOTA: 2020

North Dakotans will be the healthiest Americans.

This vision will become a reality because:

- Our citizens—as individuals, groups and communities—embrace personal responsibility for their health and practice healthy lifestyles.
- Systematic approaches to prevention and wellness are supported by North Dakota's culture, policies, and institutions.
- Our healthcare system is structured and supported to provide access for all North Dakotans to appropriate, high quality, patient-centered healthcare in response to disease and injury.

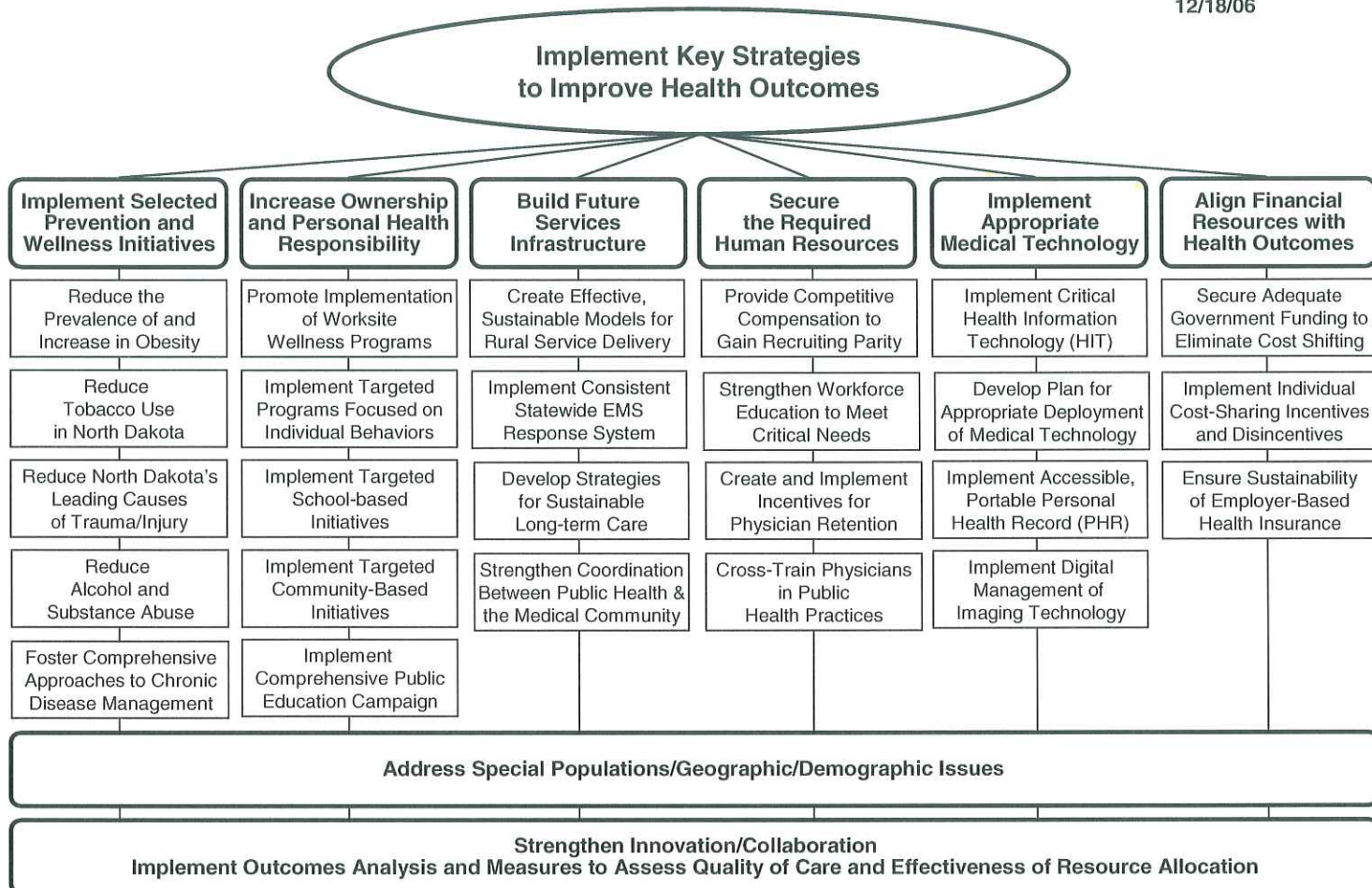
This vision will be accomplished through a series of initiatives between 2007 and 2011 designed to ensure that our comprehensive and coordinated approach to health:

- Continually improves North Dakotan's health outcomes
- Integrates prevention, acute, and long-term care
- Provides timely access to quality emergency and trauma care
- Fosters the effective use of evidence-based and/or consensus-based practices with positive incentives for improving value and supporting the delivery of safe, high quality care
- Provides incentives to encourage living healthy lifestyles
- Encourages advance healthcare planning
- Addresses both individual and population needs
- Provides affordable access to all through a public and private system of health insurance that delivers universal coverage for essential healthcare needs
- Integrates effective use of new medical technology and an electronic health infrastructure
- Is flexible and innovative
- Is supported by an adequate workforce of health professionals to meet the needs of all North Dakotans
- Is fairly and adequately funded to meet the resource needs of public health and healthcare facilities and professionals
- Continues to recognize our traditional values of medicine in ensuring the independent judgment of healthcare professionals in their relationship with patients, medical ethics and professionalism
- Is sustainable over the long term

STRATEGIC MAP: 2007 – 2011

North Dakota Healthcare Delivery System Strategic Map: 2007 – 2011

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OTHER PRIORITIES

In addition to the strategic priorities and objectives outlined on the above Strategic Map, the following priorities also surfaced during the Committee's deliberations:

- Immunization
- Infectious disease, including STDs (sexually transmitted diseases)
- Toxic agents
- Prenatal and early childhood
- Mental health
- Legislative activities regarding seatbelt and helmet use and other high risk practices
- The aging physical plants of healthcare institutions
- Tertiary referral systems
- Pharmacy

- In-depth, statewide study of consumers
- Statewide wellness resource center
- Availability and use of in-state tertiary care
- Mental health workforce needs
- Tele-pharmacy
- Telemetry – in-home for special needs populations
- Internet sites endorsed by the state health department
- Preventive services investment plan
- Tax incentives for long-term care insurance/financing
- Review/analysis of dis-integration of healthcare services
- Mechanisms to address issues of the uninsured

The above priorities will be addressed in two ways:

- As projects initiated outside the Planning Committee process.
- As initiatives that will be carried out from 2012 – 2020.